

JANUARY 26, 2016

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

ACTION: To be Approved 2/9/2016

7:00 P.M.

Following a Work Session meeting, the City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Hagan, with Councilors Ferguson, Drexel, Morrison and Schwartz present along with City Attorney Fogo, Interim City Manager Achen, City Clerk Davidson, Acting City Manager Robinson, Finance Director Cowan, WSCU Liaison Alejandre, and the press. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes of January 12, 2016, Regular Session Meeting.

Councilor Drexel moved and Councilor Morrison seconded the motion to approve the January 12, 2016, Regular Session meeting minutes as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Hagan, Morrison, Schwartz. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Action on 2016 Contracts for Service and Continuing Challenge Grants. The following Contracts for Service are under consideration:

Center for Adult & Family Education 1,500
Colorado Water Workshop 1,000
Gunnison Council for the Arts (Gunnison Arts Center) 25,000
Gunnison Country Food Pantry 5,000
Gunnison County Pioneer and Historical Society 5,000
Gunnison Nordic Club, Inc. 1,000
Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League 1,000
Gunnison Valley Health Foundation 1,800
Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority 36,000
Project Hope 1,500
SafeRide of Gunnison, Inc. 4,000
Six Points Evaluation & Training, Inc. 2,500
Western State Colorado University Communications 10,000
TOTAL \$95,300

Councilor Morrison moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Memorandums of Agreements and to authorize the release of the budgeted 2016 funds for the programs.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Hagan, Morrison, Schwartz, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action on 2016 Continuing Challenge Grants. The following Continuing Challenge Grants are under consideration:

Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce (Chamber Holidays) 2,000
Cattlemen's Days, Inc. 7,500
Gunnison Car Club 1,000
Rotary Club of Gunnison Fishing Tournament 750
Gunnison River Festival 2,000
TOTAL \$13,250

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Continuing Challenge Grants and authorize the release of the budgeted 2016 funds for the programs.

Roll call vote, yes: Hagan, Morrison, Schwartz, Ferguson, Drexel. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Set Public Hearing on White Porch LLC dba Hashish Hut Retail Marijuana Store Application, 827 N. Main Street in Gunnison, for 7:00 P.M., February 23, 2016. City Clerk Davidson informed Council the applicant has submitted the required City application, Staff and the City Attorney have reviewed the application, the City fees have been paid, and the applicant

has received a conditional State license approval. Therefore, Staff is recommending a Public Hearing be set on the application for 7:00 P.M. on February 23, 2016.

Councilor Morrison moved and Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion to set a Public Hearing on the retail marijuana store license application from White Porch LLC dba Hashish Hut, 827 N. Main Street, in Gunnison for 7:00 P.M., February 23, 2016, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 201 W. Virginia Avenue in Gunnison.

Roll call vote, yes: Morrison, Schwartz, Ferguson, Drexel, Hagan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None.

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo: no report.

Interim City Manager Mark Achen reported he is happy to be here. He has had a lot of meetings in the last week. The Public Works crew pulled the ice from the gutters and then had more snow to remove. Sales tax is up in November and up year-to-date. The 2016 Budget will be available on-line by the end of the week and the hard copies will be available in the next couple of weeks. The CML Legislative Workshop in in Denver on February 11th. He will be gone the next two weeks and Police Chief Robinson is the Acting City Manager in January and CD Director Steve Westbay will be Acting Manager in February.

Acting City Manager Police Chief Keith Robinson: Semi-Annual Departmental Report. Chief Robinson indicated his semi-annual report was included in the Council packet. It is essentially a compilation of the yearly activities in the department. Items discussed by the Police Chief included: there was little employee turnover in 2015; a new dispatcher was hired to fill one vacancy; the Department utilized vehicle registration-generated funds from the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Fund to pay for 927 hours of training needs for sworn officers; the new Lexipol Policy System was funded at \$4950 from POST funds; Neighborhood Services handled 324 animal complains and 30 vicious animal calls in 2015 with 172 dogs and 23 cats placed in the shelter; 168 dogs and 12 cats were returned to their owners and the others adopted; no animals were euthanized in 2015; the Department had contact with 209 primary and secondary crime victims; Part A crimes again person had a clearance of 87% in 2015 and property crimes saw a 27% clearance rate. The numbers of serious crime, such as homicide, robbery or sexual assault remain low and those categories are reported monthly to CBI; a VALE Grant was received and funded, along with other user agency fees, the new Victims Advocate program; a patrol officer has been assigned the additional duties of targeting marijuana and liquor licensing laws compliance; advertising for the new patrol officer is underway and the new Neighborhood Services Officer, who will be more pro-active in following up on nuisance complaints, will be hired in 2016.

City Clerk Gail Davidson: reported the City has received two proposals from the City Manager Executive search firms. The deadline is 5pm, Thursday, February 4th.

Western State Colorado University Student Liaison Alex Alejandre. Alex informed Council the following: there will be a presentation on mapping of the Gunnison Country on Wednesday evening at the library; a pool party will be held on Thursday night; the SGA will be conducting elections for a new senator and they are receiving applications at this time; and Crested Butte is in the running for Best Ski Town so everyone should vote for them.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:

Councilor Drexel: reported the following: Region 10 received a DOLA Grant in an amount of \$26,000 to fund the Small Changes Mini-Grant program; projects funded by these \$5,000 mini-grants must be completed by December 21, 2016; He spoke with CFGV Director Pam Montgomery and he will be serving on the Gunnison Memorial Scholarship committee after Sharon Cave steps down on April 21st; he attended the all-day Gunnison Housing Foundation meeting on Friday and learned a lot about housing; one affordable housing issues is its acceptance by neighbors when it is built in the community; and education needs to be conducted and the design

needs to fit into the community. Lastly, Councilor Drexel commended the Public Works crew on clearing the snow from the streets. It is a big job.

Councilor Ferguson: reported he attended the OVPP affordable housing sub-committee meeting where funding mechanisms were discussed. Councilor Ferguson also was told the Gunnison Chamber Board no longer wants to have a City Council representative on their Advisory Board. They were interested in having the City Event Coordinator as a Board representative. Discussion ensued including the following: the first check cycle for Visitor Center funding will be in April; the new Visitor Center oversight committee will be in-place in April; the City Event Manager would be an asset for operations-type information but a City Councilor should be present for policy-type issues; the Chamber By-Laws do not require a City Councilor on the Advisory Board; the City helps fund not only the Visitor Center operations but other Chamber functions; and Council asked that a letter be drafted inviting the Chamber Board to a work session meeting to discuss this issue. City Clerk Davidson said she would draft a letter.

Councilor Schwartz: reported he attended relatively few meetings. He did attend the CDOT phone conference meeting last Friday. It was an informational call to keep CDOT in the loops on the streets design work taking place by the consultants. Parking protected bike lanes and the demonstration projects in Boulder, were discussed at that meeting. Councilor Schwartz stated he is unhappy to learn the availability of bicycle transportation project funds from the Governor's Office is already spoken for. He attended the website demonstration meeting last week and he hopes to see more for the re-design of the City website. Lastly, Councilor Schwartz asked that a discussion on the creation of a Parks & Recreation Commission, who would make recommendations to Council on how to spend Park & Recreation tax funds, be placed on a future work session agenda.

Councilor Morrison: informed Council she too attended the CDOT phone conference meeting. The discussion on the uniformity of signage was valuable. She attended the Chamber Board meeting and they are still looking for an Executive Director. They have received 8 applications. The Chamber will basically hold the same events this year as in 2015. She met with Airport Manager Rick Lampert and learned about airport functions, the Master Plan being developed, and the private airport functions. Councilor Morrison stated the private facility has potential for economic development. The Airport would like to have the City involved with corridor upgrades and improvements to signage. There will be a Chamber-sponsored workshop for local businesses on understanding unemployment insurance for employers on February 3rd starting at 9am at the County's Fred Field Center.

Mayor Hagan: stated he too attended the CDOT meeting. He attended the OVPP Health Sub-Committee meeting. On Thursday night he attended the Upper Gunnison District meeting where it was reported the Basin's snowpack is above average. The Water District is looking at conducting a water resources inventory that will include identifying water uses in the valley. They will start with the Slate and Ohio Creek. Water uses can be contentious.

Adjournment: Mayor Hagan called for any further discussion from Council, Staff or the public, and hearing none, adjourned the Regular Session meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk